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EDITORIALS

REVOLUTION IN THE SOUTHLAND

Farmers must learn to produce more and better crops at yet lower prices! That is a statement seen in these columns many times over the years. So we were interested in a headline in last Sunday's Atlanta Constitution, which read: "Farmers Must Grow Better Cotton to Sell at Lower Prices, or Quit."

So we read the article, and found it pointing a finger of warning at the Southland.

Government support prices may not continue always. If and when they come off, farm commodities will spiral downwards on the markets. Then what?

The price of cotton is a "hot potato" in the South. Many leaders dislike to speak of the subject. Yet there are movements afoot not to be quieted down.

Farm mechanization is perhaps most noteworthy. The Journal article reports: "surveys have shown that the South's farms could be more efficiently operated, through mechanization, by about one third of the present farm population."

That, it seems to us, is perhaps the most important statement made in he South since the war. It ends the panicky plea for unending sources of "cheap labor." It carries the foreword for an industrial and an economic revolution, and for a political and social new deal.

Yes. And the article adds: "What is more, economists think that one third could turn out 50 per cent more goods than now turned out by the entire Southern farm population. This he felt would result in a high standard of living for the section. The displaced farm population would have to be absorbed into a growing industrialization of the area."

Machinery makers report they can sell mechanical cotton harvesters as fast as they make them. Mechanical harvesters are expected to harvest eight per cent of this year s crop. The amazing growth of the mechanical cotton picker is shown in a comparison with former years. In 1946, only one per cent of the cotton crop was mechanically harvested.

Mechanization works best on the big farm. The investment is too great for the small operator. King Cotton may continue to reign in the South. But hardly under the existing set up.

Wise Southerns will prepare for this revolution. The mechanization of agriculture and the industrialization of a rural area, can be made to raise living standards and bring a golden age of material and spiritual prosperity; or, it can bring an era of unrest, exploitation and vice.

Industrialization will mean the economic liberation of women. It means the decline of the tenant and sharecropper system. The pressure for civil rights must be met. And the most important issue to be met is the overwhelming demand for a revolution in the Southern attitude toward public schools. When you double or treble the income of large population segments in a generation you had best educate that segment. Otherwise it is swayed and used by political, industrial and social exploiters so as to endanger society itself. Most of us do realize the keg of dynamite upon which we calmly sit.

The South is the land of opportunity. What the gold rush did to the empty spaces of California, industrialization and mechanization will do to the South during the next generation. The movement already is rolling. Nothing can stop it. It is in process; the die is cast. The important thing is to recognize it, and guide it. From what we hear the Southern States of North Carolina, Georgia and Florida are taking the lead of this New South. Some good reports come from Louisiana, too.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

COLLEGE IS LIFE, NOT PREPARATION

It may be that we should stop putting so much emphasis in our own minds on the monetary value of a college education and put more emphasis on the intangible social and cultural values to be derived from learning. The time may be coming when we will have to start accepting the idea that education is life, not merely preparation for it. —Seymour E. Harris in Vancouver (B. C.) Daily Province.

DANGER OF TEEN-AGE DRIVING

The frequent automobile accidents .. have shown too often that, when cars are operated by boys and girls in their teens, there are certain hazards that are not present, or not so conspicuous, when older persons are behind the wheel.

Youths in that age bracket, new to driving, unaccustomed to meeting sudden emergencies with the split-second decision frequently necessary, should be extra careful. Instead, many of them are prone to recklessness, to showing off before their friends, to bursts of speed at the worst times and to disregard of the ordinary rules of highway safety. They take foolish chances. Sometimes they drive after drinking—and even a beer or two have been known to make some persons unfit to drive.

Parents have a serious responsibility in this matter. They would not hand guns to their children and permit them to fire them at will before they are trained in their use. An automobile in the hands of an inexperienced and incompetent driver can be just as dangerous as a gun.

Teen-agers should not be allowed the use of cars until they are thoroughly grounded in the mechanics of driving and until parents are sure that they can handle them safely. Unless this rule is followed the teen-age driver is risking not only his own life but the lives of others every time he takes the wheel. —Reprinted from Philadelphia Inquirer.

MARGARET MITCHELL

(From New York Herald Tribune)

In the death of Margaret Mitchell it is no exaggeration to say that the State of Georgia has lost its best-known citizen. For more than eight million people have read in thirty languages the novel she wrote. Atlanta born and bred, Margaret Mitchell has been reared on old stories of Sherman's approach to a doomed city. She often said that she was ten years old before she knew that General Lee had been licked and the Confederates had lost the war.

"Gone With the Wind" was published in June, 1936. The book sold a million copies in less than six months. Sectional novels often win little more than sectional success, but Margaret Mitchell's book, a growth of north Georgia's red earth went around the world. Owners of the book read and re-read it. When it was put on the screen wany went to the four-hour film twice and three times. Critics have wondered at the vast and continuing popularity of the novel, but the best-based reason for its huge sale is that it is really great narrative and great romance. For the average reader it has historied history, and Scarlet O'Hara has become better known across the nation than General Sherman. Atlanta was burned but "Gone With the Wind" became a latter-day Confederate victory.

At forty-three, Margaret Mitchell is cruelly dead in less than a week, struck down by the drunken driver of an automobile in her home city. On the record, she wrote the South's greatest novel. On the record its simple and true to say that her untimely death will be recorded and mourned around the globe by those millions for whom she peopled Tara's halls, relived an epoch and made both an old and a new South speak.

FICKLE THING, THE LAW

(From Atlanta Constitution)

In Miami recently a man in swimming trunks was arrested for hiding illegal betting sheets in the trunks. Fickle thing, the law.

A woman was chased off another Florida beach the other day because authorities claimed her bathing suit wasn't concealing enough.

CONNIE MACK DAY

From New York Herald Tribune

Mr. Connie Mack, the durable Philadelphian, has been coming to New York for a great many years, and it is a splendid idea that at last the city got around to taking official cognizance of his merits. So on Friday there was a ticker-tape parade from Bowling Green to City Hall, our Mayor O'Dwyer presented a certificate "for distinguished and exceptional public service" (as though Mr. Mack needed any credentials), and today is officially Connie Mack Day. We hope there is a big turnout at Yankee Stadium, where there will be all manner of ceremonies aside from the extremely serious business of a game that our Yankees need. Our visitor understands, of course, that we are not engaged in deviously softening him before hand.

We hestitate to review Mr. Mack's greatness. This is his forty-ninth year at managing the Athletics, and it is well understood by now that re represents all that is fine and admirable in baseball. He is the sum of the game, this hardy gentleman who began playing professional ball when Chester A. Arthur was President. At eighty-six, he is the vigorous contradiction of set notions about youth and age. It is stimulating to be reminded that he has no intention of retiring any time soon, and we hope the honors in New York will only spur Connie Mack to further achievement.

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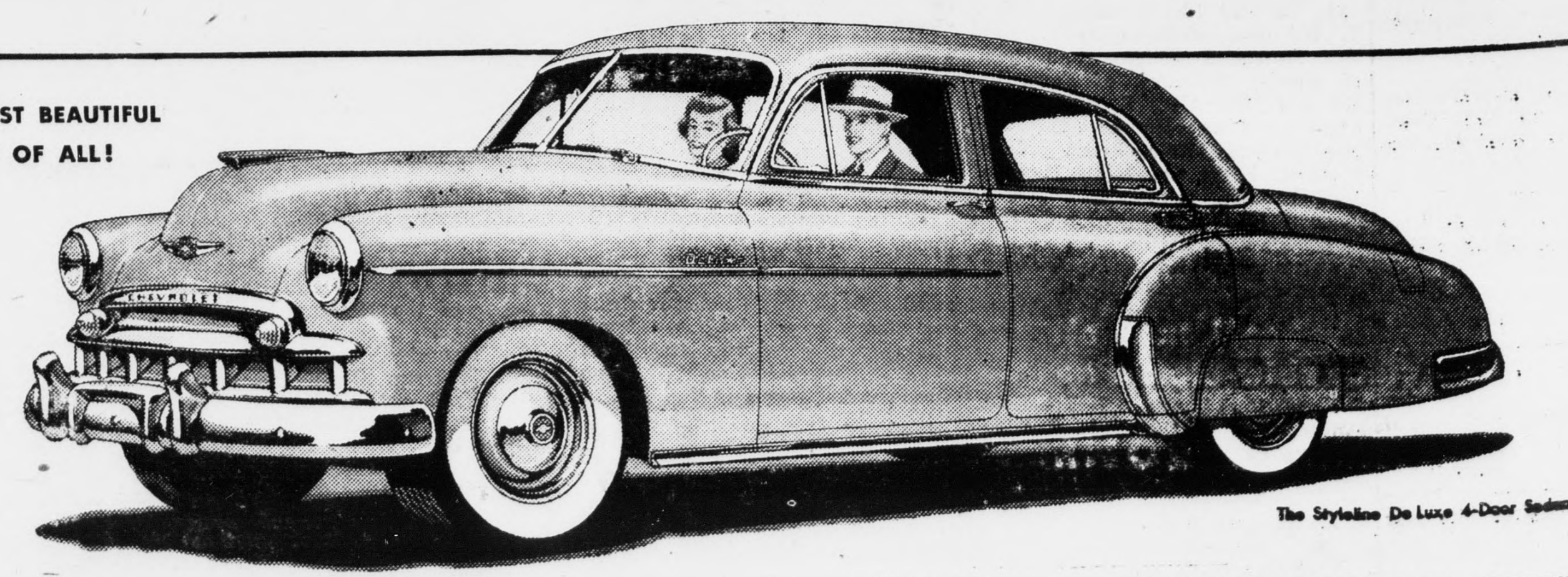

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Evergreen

Evergreen, August 23.- Miss Bessie Ann Glover spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner and daughter, Lindy visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and mother last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chernault, of Lynchburg called to see Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover during the week-end. Also Misses Jackie White and Ann Hodges spent Sunday in this home.

Mrs. Louise Farrar is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and sons, Billie and Charlie, of Washington are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner. Also the Rev. R. T. Smith and son, Robert Lee, of Bedford called in this home very recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover. Also Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg, is spending this week in the same home. Mr. and Mrs.J. C. Staples called in this home Sunday P M.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett Sunday.

Mrs. L. L. Stewart and J. R. Hamilton are among those on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds and three children, of Vera; Misses Joyce Harris and Lucille Ferguson, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, Mrs. Howard Glover and Mrs. Virgie Hamlin all called to see Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Donald, this past week.

Master Freddie Smith, of Alexandria, Va., celebrated his fourth birthday on Monday, August 15, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin, of Suffolk are spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Carl Womack.

Gregory Ferguson is spending this week with his aunt, Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, of Oakville.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Aug. 22.- Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.Preston Coleman Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilbert.

Miss Mildred Thornhill gave a birthday dinner at her home Sunday honoring her neice, Mildred Ann Thornhill.

Mrs. John Scruggs is ill. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs and family and Mrs. L. J. Hatcher visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKenzie Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Reynolds, Mrs. Florence Phelps, and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman.

Committee approves funds for rearming five nations.

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AMERICA AT PLAY

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It's not that way everywhere. In some countries, the government puts a man in a city, a house, a job, with no choice in the matter. He can't quit, leave town or move around the corner without permission. If he gets a vacation, he is told where and when to go. The government runs everything, the people nothing.

That's what happens when a free people turn over their responsibilities to their government. They also turn over their freedom of choice. Socialism is the result. How does Socialism happen? Not overnight. It is woven slowly, a thread at a time, into the bonds of slavery. Little by little the government assumes powers other than governing—until it finally assumes *all* power.

In this country, the government has already entered the electric light and power business—and is aiming at medicine, steel, railroads, and other industries. That is how Socialism got its start in other countries. Talk to your friends and neighbors and see how they feel about this creeping Socialism that threatens your way of life.

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Proverbs 2:1-9.

God's Map for Me

Lesson for August 28, 1949

HOW did the writers of the Bible think about the Bible? We can get part of the answer by looking at our Psalms for this week. These poets already possessed a part of our Bible: the Law, some historical books, perhaps some of the Prophets. It was an incomplete Bible they had—but they loved it.

They did not think of it or use it in some of the mistaken ways you may find some people thinking of the Bible today. They did not think it was enough to read a line or two before going to bed every night. They did not think that having a copy of it around would bring good luck, or scare off demons. They said nothing about the Bible's being great literature. They were not at all bothered by miracle stories in Scripture; they believed them, and took them as evidences of the mightly power of God (see Psalm 105). They did not look on the Bible as chiefly a dictionary of Don'ts. They did not think of it as a Sabbath book, but rather as an everyday one. It did not strike them as a book of mystery.

Dr. Foreman

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The Psalmists' Bible

IN reading Psalm 19:7-14, it is interesting to see how many different things the Psalmist says about the Word of God. He calls it by various names, but that is only because, being a poet, he likes to use several words for the same thing. As for Psalm 105, where else but in his Bible would the poet have learned that story of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and the deliverance from Egypt?

The reader of this Psalm will observe that the subject of most of the sentences is GOD. As the poet reviews his people's history, he shows that it is not simply the doings of the Israelites, but it is God who brings things to pass.

"Man proposes but God disposes" is a proverb which the writer of Psalm 105 would approve. Psalm 119 is known as an "alphabetic" or "acrostic" poem. It is divided into 22 sections, each one exactly eight verses long. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet, and in the Hebrew original of this Psalm each verse of the first section begins with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph; in the next section, Beth, and so on down to the last letter. Tau.

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The Book of God

WHAT the writers of these Psalms said about the partly-done Bible of their times is of course even more true of the completed Bible which is our heritage as Christians. One thing they make clear is that this is first of all God's book. They knew as well as we do that different human minds had a part of it, but for all that it is always God whose message comes through what they wrote. The Bible, properly understood, reveals the mind of God and the will of God. The Bible reveals also the doings of God. His story is the weaving of God's eternal decrees on the looms of time. Again, these poets see that the Bible is for man and about man.

None of them thought of it as a guide to heaven, but rather as a road map or to guide us through the mazes of this world. Psalm 119 stresses this world. and no other, as the world on which God's light shines.

The commandments of God are so many lengths of barbed wire to fence us in, rather road-signs to guide us on life's open highway. The Bible presents the "How" of living. It is God's map for me.

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The Bible In The Heart

THE SENTENCE: "Thy word have I hid in my heart" (Psalm 119:11) is the clue to the right use of the Bible. When a Hebrew writer says "heart" he means something more than mere emotion. The word means character, what a man really is. A young Korean was learning the Sermon on the Mount, but making slow work of it.

When a missionary asked him about it, the boy said, "I have to be slow. First I learn a verse, then I go out and live it. I can learn the words in a few minutes; but it takes longer than that to live it."

That is the right idea. One verse, translated into living, is worth more than a chapter that never gets deeper in than the edge of the brain.

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Rocks News

Rocks, August 23.- Farmers are busy working on hay.

Quite a storm passed through here recently. Corn was twisted off and trees uprooted.

Eleanor Faye Ranson celebrated her birthday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson took their daughter, Christine, to Appomattox last week to be vaccinated.

Friends are sorry to hear that Dowdy Almond is in a hospital. He is in Lynchburg.

Johnny Roach cut his foot with an axe last week. Three stitches had to be taken in it.

Rodney Roach went to Lynchburg last Thursday to get the cast off of one foot. He is improving.

Toby Inge was helping Robert Roach work on his road some last week.

Miss Betty June Moore, who has been spending awhile with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson, has returned to her home in Montgomery, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson spent the week-end at Williamsburg.

No preaching was held at Rocks Sunday, as the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were on their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwill Powell and son, Ray spent last Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder and her father, Mr. Myers spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Barbara Jean Almond, of Appomattox spent last week with Charlene Ranson, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children spent Sunday at Darlington Heights with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster.

Cassie Baldwin spent Sunday with her aunts, Mrs. J. Henry Wilkerson and Mrs. George Carter, and Mrs. Tom Young.

Forest View

Forest View, August 23.- Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Marshall, of Greenfield, O., who have been visiting relatives in the homes of A. D. Marshall, Norman and Sylvester Pugh, of Charlotte, and her brother. Bob Mulligan, of Halifax, returned to their home last Sunday. They were accompanied by two of Mrs. Marshall's little neices.

Mrs. George Cocke and Mrs. Mary Golloday visited in the home of A. D Marshall and their mother one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton spent the week-end at their farm, and with her mother, Mrs. N. D. Marshall.

Mrs. George Davis is on the sick list at this writing. We hope she will soon be out again.

The Central Baptist Church B. T. U. is having a study course at present, using the book, Our Baptist Heritage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Marshall and son and Mrs. N. D. Marshall visited in the homes Sunday P. M. of Mr. and Mrs. Rosser.

Mesdames E. W., W. F. and A. D. Marshall went to the cannery on last Tuesday.

Richwood

Richwood, August 22.- Services at Wesley Chapel Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilburn.

Murray Arrington, of Richmond, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington

Mr. and Mrs. James Arrington and son were in Lynchburg on business Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie Powell visited with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Powell last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Powell and son, Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis, of Lynchburg were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marsh, of Lynchburg were the guests Sunday morning of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Powell.

Mrs. Annie Powell left Sunday to spend some time in Roanoke with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tester.

William Fleshman is spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell.

Richwood, Aug. 19.- Bobbie Lu Johnson has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Paul Sarver...

Paul Sarver and Carter Martin were in Lynchburg Monday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sarver and family recently visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burks.

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